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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD OF FORMING REFRACTORY  
METAL CONTACT IN AN OPENING, AND  
RESULTING STRUCTURE

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**MS Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**December 9, 2003**

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003 (Paper No. 14), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.